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Berkeley County Sheriff Curtis Keller
Berkeley County Sheriff's Office
510 South Raleigh Street
Martinsburg, WV 25401

Dear Sheriff Keller:

Under the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act, §29-B-1-1 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that represent video of a Nov. 19 altercation among police and a 16-year-old who was being apprehended. My understanding is this video originated from a camera in a Berkeley County Sheriff's cruiser. I also request internal communications about the video and its distribution.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$25. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of an altercation that led to the suspension of two troopers and a deputy. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The West Virginia Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request be made within five business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Brad McElhinny

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